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Rich colorings in Silks of intrinsic value adaptable to Neckwear only, where you will revel in the delights of too many to select from, and all just what you want. Many new shapes and all the shapes worn.



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for Ladies or Men. Have you found the word COMFY? That is the word for this line. All colors and at from

\$3.00 to \$10.00

ALL THE 'TWEEN PRICES

The Craze for well-dressed Men this season—Silk Reefers in accordance weaves as well as flat silks. Special attention has been paid to this line in our selections and we'll show you splendid assortment at all prices.



Some of the Guaranteed Holoproofs or Phoenix Hosiery prove a most acceptable gift and we put them up attractively in Holiday wrappings.

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Stunning Waist-coats for street or full-dress wear. What nicer than a full-dress waist-coat. Everybody should have a Bathrobe and this is a sensible gift. We show Bathrobes in new and exclusive patterns and in grades where price is at its lowest ebb.

HOUSE COATS. Our line of this exceptionally appropriate gift includes the widest range of new ideas, popular styles and fabric values. **DRESSING GOWNS** for men in light wool and in all silk. **TRAVELING BAGS** and **SUIT CASES** and **SILK HAT BOXES.** Plenty of good grades at moderate prices in our line.

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Both Pajamas and Night-shirts in Outing flannel, French flannel, Madras and Silk, always needed and always welcome in the winter season. Grades 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and up.

UMBRELLAS FOR LADIES OR MEN

New and nobby handles, sterling mounted, with serviceable covers and fast color. Rare assortments to select from here and we stand back of every item sold. Umbrellas from \$1.00 up to \$8.00.

Smart Walking Sticks

In all the rare woods such as Malacca, Congo, Penang, Weixel and many others.

To those who seek suggestions let us mention SILK HATS, SILK OPERA HATS, WINTER CAPS, STEAMER SHAWLS or RUGS, AUTO HEADWEAR, FUR CAPS, FUR GLOVES, FULL DRESS JEWELRY, UP-TO-THE-MINUTE SETS OF JET, PEARL and PLATINUM, bound sets of PEARL and new ideas in the gold sets. **HEMSTITCHED SILK and LINEN Handkerchiefs** and **INITIAL Handkerchiefs.** **UNDERWEAR** a timely gift, Silk and Wool Hosiery or All Wool Hosiery. Our stocks are complete and we invite a close comparison of values and prices.

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The Toggery Shop

291 MAIN STREET, NORWICH, CONN.

CRANEY-DONOVAN CASE STARTED

Twenty Thousand Dollar Damage Suit Occupied Entire Session of Superior Court Yesterday—Plaintiff Was Telling His Side of the Story When Court Went Out for the Day—Many Witnesses Called to the Stand Wednesday.

When the superior court went out for the day late Wednesday afternoon John F. Craney, who is suing John Donovan for \$20,000 damages in a slander suit, was telling his story on the stand. The case occupied all of the court session of Wednesday. Before the case was taken up for trial there were conferences between the court, lawyers and clients who looked toward a settlement, but no agreement could be reached and so the trial was started with a jury. It is the second trial of the case. The charge is slander and the complaint is in four counts. In it Craney's name is alleged to have been connected in a slanderous way with that of Mrs. Willard Church by Mr. Donovan. The affair took place in the Alice building. At 11:30 Joseph D. Harris was called to the witness stand. He said he is a boss printer on the second floor of the Alice building on East Main street. He told how his room is located and to speak of one of the Harris testified that he knows John F. Craney, the plaintiff. He also has an office in the Alice building and is a real estate and insurance agent. Witness said he also knows John Donovan, the defendant.

The witness of meeting Mr. Donovan in July or August 1912 and that Mr. Donovan said he found Mrs. Church in the office of Mr. Donovan. He had three men and two women witnesses. Mr. Harris said that Mr. Donovan talked with the witness at two other times about the matter and once he said he was to kick in the Craney door but later Mr. Donovan asked Mr. Harris not to do this. This was in October, 1912. Mr. Harris went into details of the matters.

Mr. Harris was then cross-examined by Judge John H. Barnes. He said he had seen Mrs. Church in the Alice building but not going toward Mrs. Craney's office. He answered many questions as to his direct testimony. He denied he had played cards in Mr. Craney's office once when Mrs. Church came in.

John A. Keomans testified to hearing Mr. Donovan say of seeing Mrs. Church in the office of Mr. Craney. Francis C. Harwood said that Mr. Donovan told him the witness, about the meeting in the office.

Dr. G. A. Comeau testified he had an office in the Alice building in 1912 and he knows all the parties in the case. He said that Mrs. Church was a customer of his in 1912. He told of

meeting Mr. Donovan opposite the Alice building one evening in 1912 and Mr. Donovan said: "She's in there and I am watching the building." Then the dentist mailed letters and later walked to Franklin square with Mr. Donovan.

In answer to a question asked by Judge Barnes Dr. Comeau said he could not tell how many times Mrs. Church was in his office in 1912. Albert Boardman testified that Mr. Donovan had tried to talk to him about the matter in court but witness said he was not interested. Witness was asked what Mr. Donovan said of the political record of Mr. Craney but this was stricken out. John F. McCormick, the steward of the Elks' club told of Mr. Craney saying that "he got them." Witness told of Mr. Donovan being at the Elks' home and looking toward the Alice building.

The plaintiff then took the witness stand. He told of serving two terms in the legislature and of being in the insurance business. He said he has known John Donovan for years. Lawyer Douglas had Mr. Craney identify a postal card that the witness said was in Mr. Donovan's handwriting. A recess was then ordered.

When court came in at 2 o'clock George H. Bruce, who opened in the Alice building in 1912, was called as a witness. He said he was called upon by Mr. Donovan and Nicholas Church in the store where the witness was employed and about all the witness could remember was that Mr. Donovan mentioned the names of Mr. Craney and Mrs. Church.

Cross-examined Mr. Bruce said he did not know why he was called on him. Once in the Alice building Mr. Donovan asked the witness where the Craney office was and Mr. Bruce said it was at the end of the hall and Mr. Donovan could read the name on the door. Mr. Bruce denied that he had heard Mrs. Church referred to as the big horse. Dr. Harry Higgins said he had an office in the Alice building in 1912. It was on the second floor. He could not remember that Mr. Donovan talked to him about the Craney-Church case.

Mr. Craney was recalled to the stand and the postal card he had identified was read by Dr. Douglas. The alleged slander was read toward Mr. Craney. Mr. Craney was asked as to taking action. It was dated Dec. 7, 1912. Mr. Craney identified a letter he had received and also a postcard.

He was on the stand when court went out for the day.

SECOND CHURCH LADIES HELD CHRISTMAS SALE. Food Table Loaded Down With All Kinds of Delicacies.

The ladies of the Second Congregational church held Christmas sale on Wednesday in the Thayer building. A variety of useful and fancy articles were on sale, as well as all sorts of good things. The ladies of the church had three men and two women witnesses. Mr. Harris said that Mr. Donovan talked with the witness at two other times about the matter and once he said he was to kick in the Craney door but later Mr. Donovan asked Mr. Harris not to do this. This was in October, 1912. Mr. Harris went into details of the matters.

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CHRISTMAS

Make Your Holiday Selections While the Goods Are Fresh and Bright and New Begin Today!

SANTA CLAUS is coming. He has sent a wire message stating that he will arrive in Norwich next Saturday afternoon. Exact time of his arrival will be announced later.

Gift Articles That Combine Beauty and Utility

Materia Linens at old prices—bought before the advance and sold on the same basis.

Size 6-inch "Real Madeira" Doilies, assorted patterns—Special price 19c each, real value 37c/50.

"Real Madeira" Scarfs, size 18 x 36, 13 x 45 and 18 x 54—price range \$1.98 to \$9.50.

"Real Madeira" Centers, size 18 to 72 inches—price range \$1.00 to \$47.50 each.

"Real Madeira" Sets in a wonderful variety—price range \$3.98 to \$12.50.

Luncheon and Tea Napkins at \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.98 and \$10.00 a dozen, easily worth fifty per cent more.

CHRISTMAS SEWING

Complete stock of all kinds of Art Linens in white, cream and natural, in all widths from 8 to 72 inches wide—price range 15c to \$1.50 a yard.

Waistings and Handkerchief Linens, 36 and 45 inches wide—price range 50c to \$1.50 a yard.

Plain and Figured, All Linen, Huck-a-back Towelling, 15, 18, 20 and 22 inches wide, principally at old prices—at 50c to 80c a yard.

Jacquard Turkish Towels in a splendid assortment of colored borders, for combing jackets and crochets work, all sizes—at 25c to \$1.00 each.

Wash Cloths to match at 5c, 10c and 12c/50 each.

(Linen Department in Basement)

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EXPRESS COMPANIES ISSUE EARLY CHRISTMAS WARNING

Join Hanws With Merchants In Urging Early Christmas Shopping.

Owing to the unprecedented volume of express traffic, and conscious of the steadily increasing demand upon the express facilities of the country, the American Express company is instructing their employees throughout the country to co-operate with the department stores and mail order merchants in a systematic campaign to lessen the Christmas congestion.

Although this crisis arises every year as regularly as the holidays come around, the extraordinary conditions of transportation prevailing at the present time accentuate the need for early shipping this year.

The railroads are already working under high pressure, but it is believed that with the holiday shipping season stretched over the entire month of December, more adequate service can be given than if the entire Christmas movement is jammed into the week immediately preceding Christmas.

In spite of the fact that the eleventh-hour shippers themselves are the worst sufferers the early shopping season is advanced during the past few years by department and other stores has done much to alleviate the hardships of the shipping season.

"Early shipping," states Vice President Cowie of the American Express company, in his plea for early action on the part of the public, "gives everybody an advantage."

It can be given to the time to give to each customer; the customers themselves have a greater variety from which to choose their gifts; the store management is able to make prompt and more reliable deliveries; and there are fewer tired girls at the end of the day.

"Early shipping has the same points in its favor. Our company alone is called upon to handle nearly 100,000 shipments a year. Our equipment is adequate and is keeping pace with the demands made upon it. In fact, during the past year we have added 242 motor vehicles to the 351 which we already operate. This, in addition to the 5,000 horse drawn vehicles in constant use.

"It is the man element which must be considered in the propaganda for early Christmas shipping. The man on the express wagon at Christmas time is in the same position exactly as the girl behind the Christmas counter. He must serve while others are at their pleasure, and he can serve only up to his physical capacity."

"It is our purpose to co-operate as extensively as possible with the merchants in the movement. As a preliminary step we have printed for distribution throughout the country over a million pamphlets on 'How to Ship Christmas Packages' and are making an early distribution of three million especially printed Christmas labels.

"Each year many thousands of shipments are made early, and when they bear the label 'Don't Open Until Christmas,' the result is the satisfaction of the customer and the peace of mind of the shipper."

"The general prosperity of the country promises to make the coming Christmas the most commercially active the country has ever known. Hence the timeliness of the public and its servants joining hands to make it mutually the pleasantest Christmas on record."

Auto Came to Grief. The automobile delivery truck of the Connecticut Baking Co. skidded Monday morning on the damp road on Boile Hill, turning completely around. The rear wheel was broken and other minor breaks happened to the car. The accident occurred on the new road and many machines have had the same fate at this particular place on wet days.

WILL SPEND OVER A MILLION FOR BUILDINGS. Morse Interests Now Figuring on Expenditure for Shipbuilding Plant.

The United States Steamship company, Charles W. Morse president, which recently acquired the Henry C. Rowe property at Eastern Point for the site of one of the finest shipbuilding plants in the country, is figuring on an expenditure of \$1,000,000 for the establishment of the plant.

It is understood that the engineering and contracting firm is the Hamilton & Chambers company of No. 39 Broadway, New York city.

The buildings of the new Eastern Point yard will be of brick and steel. Even before the works are in running order this big job means an addition to the population of Groton and New London, for there will be many men at work on the construction of the new shipyard, all of whom, and some of whose families, will have to be housed.

NORWICH WOMAN FILES PAPERS FOR DIVORCE. Louise Mason Vinal Sues Husband on Grounds of Intolerable Cruelty.

In papers filed with Clerk Parsons of the superior court, Louise Mason Vinal of Norwich seeks divorce from Frederick F. Vinal in 1911. Intolerable cruelty is the charge. Besides the divorce, Mrs. Vinal asks for the custody of her two children, Frederick Vinal, aged 4 years and 10 months, and Helen Dorothy Vinal, aged 3 years and 3 months. Shields & Shields appear for Mrs. Vinal.

RHEUMATISM MAKES YOU FEEL OLD. PAINS AND ACHES YIELD TO SLOAN'S LINIMENT, THE FAMILY FRIEND.

When your joints become stiff, your circulation poor, and your suffering makes you irritable, an application of Sloan's Liniment gives you quick relief—kicks pain, starts up a good circulation, relieves congestion. It is easier and cleaner to use than musky plaster or ointments, acts quickly and does not clog the pores. It does not stain the skin.

You don't need to rub—it penetrates. Certainly fine for rheumatism, stiff neck, sciatica, lame back, toothache, etc.

For sprains, strains, bruises, black and blue spots, Sloan's Liniment reduces the pain and eases the soreness. Its use is so universal that you'll consider Sloan's Liniment a friend of the whole family. Your druggist sells it in 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles.

Sloan's Liniment KILLS PAIN